

Whereas, August "Gus" Chatillion, a treasured resident of Hidden Lake in north St. Louis County, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday on September 18, 2003; and

Whereas, on September 18, 1903, in Illinois, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gus, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Gus Chatillion will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life, such as moving to the St. Louis area with his family as a teenager, being married to the woman of his dreams for seventy-five years, raising one beautiful daughter, and spoiling two remarkable grandchildren; and

Whereas, Gus Chatillion attended Ranken Technical College in St. Louis, began his first job at Hager Hinge Company, worked in manufacturing as a machinist and engineer for thirty-seven years, and served as an instructor at Ranken, where he eventually became head of Power Plant instruction; and

Whereas, Gus Chatillion, who received an honorary Associate Degree from Ranken in 2003, created the Chatillion's Handbook for Ranken, a textbook that was used for many years and was provided to students for only the cost of printing; and

Whereas, a teacher and consultant until he retired in 1992 at the age of 88, Gus Chatillion can also pride himself on never missing a day of work during his seventy-year career; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 100, Gus Chatillion is the oldest living Ranken alumni and faculty member as well as the oldest resident at Hidden Lake:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Gus Chatillion at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian August Chatillion, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4057, adopted September 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker